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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

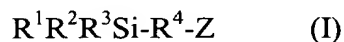
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2002, please amend the above  
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, delete the whole paragraphs starting in line 19 (Beginning "The invention  
provides ... ) and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The invention provides rubber mixtures which are characterized in that they contain  
organosilanes of the general structure



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  independently of one another are H, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)alkoxy  
or halogen and the number of alkyl groups is  $\geq 1$ ;  $R^4$  is a linear or branched  
(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>) divalent hydrocarbon group; and Z = H, halogen, SCN, SH or S<sub>x</sub>-R<sup>4</sup>-  
SiR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>R<sup>3</sup>, where x is 2 to 10.

Page 2, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 30 (Beginning, "Preferred  
organosilanes of the type described ...") and replace it with the following new paragraph: